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A study
After a study lasting many months, we propose to use an employee of the Editorial Office [REDAKTSIYA][i], Samuel KRAFSUR[ii], henceforth "IDE[YaZ']", for cultivating newspapermen's [C] circles in CARTHAGE[KARFAGEN][iii]. IDE is a FELLOW COUNTRYMAN[ZEMLYAK][iv], was in the International Brigade in SPAIN. He is absolutely devoted to the USSR, always zealously carries out minor tasks set by SERGEJ[v] in connection with the obtaining of information. Systematic work among IDE's extensive connections will give opportunities for obtaining valuable information and also of studying individual subjects for signing on [KONTRAKTATSIYA]. Of the more than [B] leads of IDE's which could be used on the basis of I.'s[Ya.] personal relationships with them [the following][a] deserve special attention: Joseph BERGER[b][vi] - personal secretary of the Chairman of the National Committee of the Democratic Party. [REDAKTSIYA][vii] - brother of the well-known journalists [REDAKTSIYA][viii]. IDE is very friendly with them both. In future, if the development of IDE's work requires it, [C] we shall provide him with an active contact [ZhIVAYA SVYeZ'] so that information will be received in TYRE[TIR][ix] promptly. We await your sanction.

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T.N. [a] Inserted by translator.

[b] For some unexplained reason the text broke off here at the end of a line of cipher and the remainder of the message was sent as a repeat in NEW YORK's No. 738 on 23 May 1944. The repeat gives the internal serial number, but not the signature of the message.

Comments: [i] REDAKTSIYA: TASS, the Soviet Press Agency.

[ii] KRAFSUR: Simon Samuel KRAFSUR

[iii] KARFAGEN: WASHINGTON, D.C.

[iv] ZEMLYAK: Member of the Communist Party

[v] SERGEJ: Vladimir Sergeevich PRAVDIN.

[vi] BERGER: Joseph Isadore BERGER. Wrote under the pseudonym of Jeremiah DIGGES.

[vii] [REDAKTSIYA] Journalist, born in 1899.

[viii] [REDAKTSIYA] Newspaper correspondent born in 1897, brother of [REDAKTSIYA]

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